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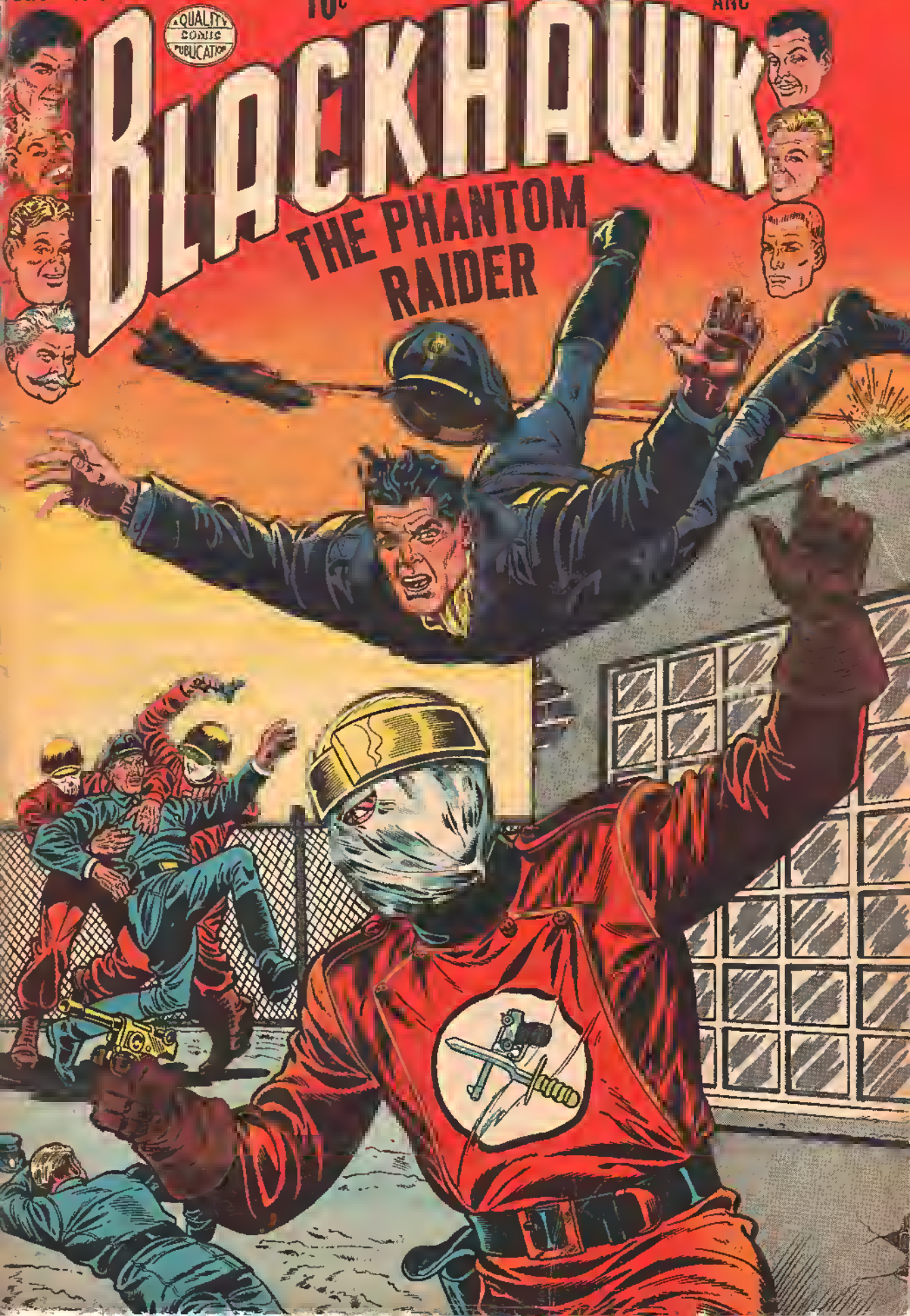
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The **KILLER**
VULTURE!

ATTACK!
ATTACK!
KILL THE
BLACKHAWKS!

OUT OF THE SKIES THEY CAME... LIKE THE VULTURES WHOSE NAME THEY BORE! DOWN, DOWN THEY SWEEP IN SCAVENGER FASHION, TO "PICK DRY" THE HELPLESS CITIES CAUGHT IN CONFUSION AND PANIC! AND THE FAMED BLACKHAWKS ARE THE ONLY OBSTACLE IN THEIR PATH! BUT COULD THEY TURN BACK THE PLUNDERERS FROM THE SKY... THE FIENDS WHO THRIVED ON DISASTER?

BLACKHAWK

CHARGED WITH DESTRUCTIVE POWER, A VIOLENT STORM RUNS RAMPANT IN THE NORTH SEA! THEN, POISING ITSELF LIKE A DAGGER, THE TURBULENT MASS THUNDERS TOWARD EUROPE!



INHABITANTS OF THE COASTAL CITIES AND TOWNS BRACE THEMSELVES FOR THE IMPACT IN ORDERLY FASHION! BUT IN ONE AREA CONFUSION AND PANIC REIGN...

HURRY! HURRY! IT WILL BE UPON US SOON!

ERIC... EVERYTHING WE LEAVE WILL BE DESTROYED! WHERE WILL WE GO? WHAT WILL WE DO?



THERE'S THE BREACHED DIKE! HURRY, GANG! A SANDBAG BARRICADE IS THE ONLY CHANCE TO SAVE THE CITY!

LET US HOPE SO, MON AMI! IF WE DO NOT HOLD BACK ZEE WATER THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL PERISH!

The LAND BEING BELOW SEA LEVEL SEEMS DESTINED FOR DESTRUCTION BEFORE NATURE'S ONRUSHING VIOLENCE! THEN, THE FAMED BLACK-HAWKS APPEAR ON A MISSION OF MERCY!



DO YOU THINK WE HAVE A CHANCE OF HOLDING BACK THE ANGRY SEA, BLACKHAWK?

ONLY TIME WILL TELL, STANISLAUS!

GOLLIES! STORM RING LIKE HISSING DRAGON IN CHOP CHOP'S EARS!



HM-M... THAT'S A STRANGE SOUND FOR A STORM TO MAKE! WHAT DO YOU THINK, HENDRICKSON?

JA! S VUNDER... IF ONLY WE COULD SEE ABOVE DER CLOUDS!



YUMPIN YUPITER! LOOK!

IT'S... A TIDAL WAVE, OLAF! TAKE COVER, GANG!



OH, THE BLACKHAWKS BRACE THEMSELVES FOR THE BRUNT OF THE GREAT WAVE STRANGE, OMINOUS EYES OBSERVE FROM ABOVE!

EXCELLENT! THE TIDAL WAVE WILL PARALYZE THE CITY SUFFICIENTLY! WE WILL ATTACK AT ONCE, GORKA! REDUCE SOARING SPEED... PREPARE FOR DESCENT!

YES, VULTURE!



FATE HAS INDEED BEEN KIND TO US, GORKA! THE WORLD'S BIGGEST URANIUM ORE STOCK IS LOCATED IN THIS CITY! ALERT OUR MEN!

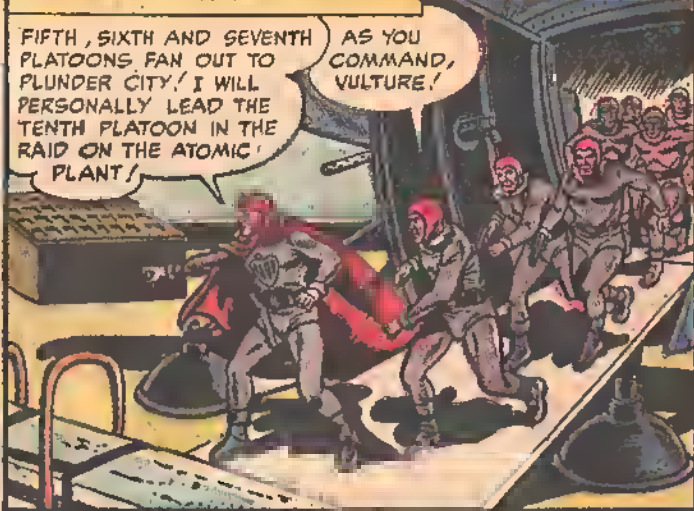
ATTENTION! ATTENTION! LANDING IN FIFTY THREE SECONDS! PREPARE FOR ATTACK!



LIKE A GIANT BIRD OF PREY THE VULTURE PLANE DESCENDS UPON THE ATOMIC PLANT AND...

FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH PLATOONS FAN OUT TO PLUNDER CITY! I WILL PERSONALLY LEAD THE TENTH PLATOON IN THE RAID ON THE ATOMIC PLANT!

AS YOU COMMAND, VULTURE!



WHAT THE... THEY'RE OUT TO ROB THE PLANT, ED!

W-WHO ARE THEY?

GORKA... SILENCE THESE FOOLS!



YAAAGH!

WE WILL NOT BE TROUBLED BY OTHER GUARDS... THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT FOR EMERGENCY FLOOD DUTY! HURRY... TO THE ORE DEPOSITORY BELOW!



DESCENDING UPON THE HELPLESS CITY THE FANTASTIC ARMY METHODICALLY PLUNDERS ITS RICHES!



BUT... WE'LL NEED A SQUAD OF MEN TO STOP THESE PLUNDERERS!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! EVERY AVAILABLE OFFICER IS AIDING WITH THE EVACUATION OF THE CITY! WE'LL HAVE TO GET ALONG WITHOUT THEM!



FINALLY, AS WORD OF THE INCREDIBLE CRIME REACHES THE BLACKHAWKS...

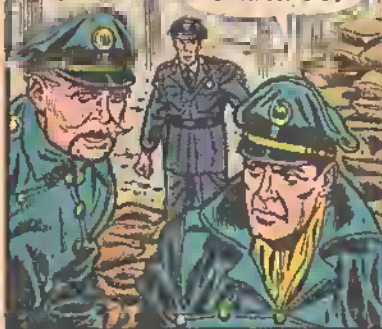
B-BLACKHAWK! SOME FIENDS ARE ROBBING THE CITY! YOU... MUST HELP US!

WHAT? BUT... WE CAN'T! THAT TIDAL WAVE NEARLY TORE OUR MAKE-SHIFT BARRICADE APART! WE'VE GOT TO STAY HERE!



PER SWINE ARE SMART WHOEVER DEY ARE!

YES, HENDRICKSON! THEY PICKED THE IDEAL TIME FOR ROBBERY! THE POLICE AND ARMY HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL EVACUATING THE POPULATION! AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO LEAVE THIS BARRICADE!



IT'S MORE IMPORTANT FOR US TO SAVE THE CITY THAN PREVENT THE THEFT! WE'LL DEAL WITH THE LOOTERS LATER!



YOU ARE RIGHT, BLACKHAWK! THE CITY COMES FIRST!

HOURS LATER, AFTER THE STORM SUBSIDES, THE FAMED FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM WALK THE STREETS OF THE VICTIMIZED TOWN!

THIS IS FANTASTIC! THE CITY HAS LITERALLY BEEN LOOTED OF ALL ITS RICHES!

HEY...LOOK! THERE! THAT POLICEMAN...HE'S WOUNDED!



T-THEY CAME IN MASS...SOME FIEND AND HIS MEN DRESSED LIKE VULTURES... O-OH!

VULTURES! HM-M...THOSE SCAVENGERS DIDN'T MISS A THING EITHER! WE'D BETTER GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL ON THE DOUBLE! THEN WE'RE GOING TO TRACK DOWN THESE KILLER VULTURES!



FOR FIVE DAYS BLACKHAWK JETS COMB THE AREA FOR THE VULTURES! BUT AFTER A THOROUGH SWEEP OF THE COUNTRYSIDE...

IT'S NO USE, GANG! THE VULTURE HAS DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR! WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL HE STRIKES AGAIN! BUT THIS TIME... WE'LL BE READY FOR HIM!

OUI, MON AMI! I FEAR YOU ARE RIGHT!



THIRL, AS BLACKHAWK MANEUVERS HIS PLANE FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT...

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! FREAK TORNADO HAS JUST DEVASTATED SOUTHERN ITALY! KEEP TUNED FOR LATER NEWS BULLETINS...

DID YOU HEAR THAT, MEN? WE'D BETTER HOP DOWN THERE AND LEND A HAND! THOSE UNFORTUNATE FOLKS WILL NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET!

ROGER!

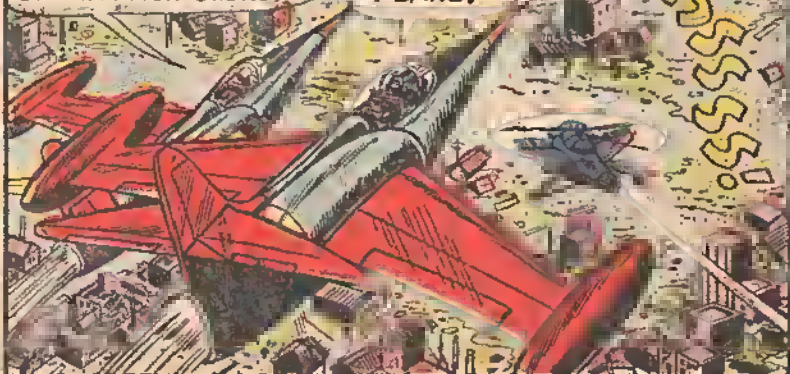


WHEN THE BLACKHAWK JETS REACH THE CRIPPLED AREA...

YUMPIN YIMINY! THAT'S THE SAME SOUND WE HEARD WHEN WE WERE BUILDING THAT BARRICADE ON THE DUTCH SHORE!

YES, OLAF...AND LOOK BELOW! THERE'S A SHIP

OF SOME KIND LANDING DOWN THERE! GREAT SCOTT! I'LL BET THAT'S THE VULTURE'S PLANE!



AFTER THE FAMED TEAM THROTTLE DOWN AND LAND IN A NEARBY FIELD...

YOUR SUSPICION WAS CORRECT, BLACKHAWK! LOOK!

YES! THIS VULTURE AND HIS FLOCK ARE A CLEVER LOT, CHUCK! CHARACTERISTIC OF THE BIRD OF PREY THEY EMULATE THEY ONLY ATTACK HELPLESS SUBJECTS... SUCH AS THIS DEVASTATED CITY! LET'S CLIP THOSE WINGS, GANG!



HAWKAAA!

VULTURE! IT'S THE BLACKHAWKS! THEY ARE ATTACKING!

EXCELLENT! WE SHALL SHARPEN OUR TALONS ON THEIR THICK SKULLS! TAKE BATTLE STATIONS! FIFTH CORPS FORWARD!



M-MEN... THEIR TALONS ARE RAZOR SHARP! WATCH OUT!

YIPES! CHOP CHOP VELLY NEARLY JOIN HONOLABLE ANCESTORS!

A FEW GOOD BLOWS IN THE BREADBASKET WILL BLOW 'EM DOWN!

OOOOF!



FOR TENSE MINUTES THE VALIANT BLACKHAWKS BATTLE BRAVELY AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS! THEN...

THOSE COSTUMED SWINE ARE HOLDING THEIR OWN, VULTURE! WE WILL ANNIHILATE THEM IMMEDIATELY! ALERT SIXTH AND SEVENTH PLATOONS! I WILL GIVE YOU THE HONOR OF LEADING THEM INTO BATTLE AND CONQUERING THE BLACKHAWKS, GORKA!



A WAVE OF MEN SUDDENLY SPEW FORTH FROM THE GREAT PLANE AND...

I WILL LEAD THE ATTACK ON THE CITY, GORKA! WE WILL MEET HERE... AFTER YOU FINISH OFF THE BLACKHAWKS!

AS YOU COMMAND, VULTURE!



GREAT SCOTT! LOOK, OLAF! THEY'RE... MOVING IN AN ARMY TO STOP US!

WE CAN HAVE OUR HANDS FULL NOW, BLACKHAWK!



LET'S GO DOWN FIGHTING, MEN!

OUI, BLACKHAWK! ZEY WEEL KNOW ZEY HAVG BEEN IN A BATTLE!



DIS SHOULD STOP THEM...

YES...BUT FOR HOW LONG? WE CAN'T HOLD OUT FOREVER AGAINST SUCH A FORCE! HMM...IF WE COULD KNOCK OUT THE COMMANDER OF THIS PARTY THEY MIGHT PANIC AND RETREAT!



BLACKHAWK SCANS THE ENEMY FORCE WITH KEEN EYES! THEN...

THAT MUST BE THE LEADER...THE ONE WEARING THAT POUCH! HEY!

H-HUH??



DON'T GO AWAY, MISTER! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU... WITH MY FISTS! OH, MISSED...

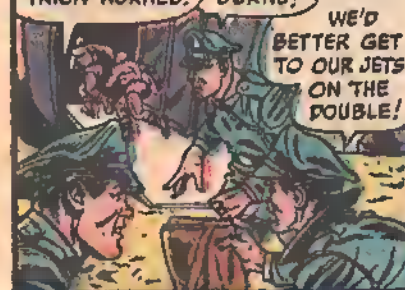


BLACKHAWK'S QUICK THINKING PAYS OFF! THE VULTURE MEN PANIC AND FLEE TO THEIR PLANE AS THEY OBSERVE THEIR COMMANDER RETREATING!

THAT WAS A SMART MOVE, BLACKHAWK! YOUR LITTLE AIR-TRICK WORKED!

YES! LET US PURSUE THEM! THEY WILL BE AN EVEN MATCH FOR US ONCE THEY ARE AIR-BORNE!

WE'D BETTER GET TO OUR JETS ON THE DOUBLE!



BUT THEN, THE BLACKHAWKS STAND STUNNED AS THEY OBSERVE THE FLEEING VULTURE PLANE!

THUNDERATION! LOOK AT THAT VULTURE PLANE GO! IT'S SUPER-SONIC!

ACH DU LIEBER! DEY WILL BE OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE VE CAN REACH OUR JETS!



WHAT HAVE YOU THERE IN THE POUCH, BLACKHAWK?

I DON'T KNOW, ANORE! I TOOK IT FROM THEIR LEADER DURING THE BATTLE! LET'S HAVE A LOOK!



BLACKHAWK

MON AMI!
WHAT EES ZEE
REASON FOR
ZEM CARRYING
SUCH MAPS?
HMM, THESE ARE
INTRICATE WEATHER
MAPS MADE UP BY
SOMEONE WHO KNEW
HIS BUSINESS! EVI-
DENTLY THEY'RE OF
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
THE VULTURES...



OF COURSE! DON'T YOU
SEE, GANG...THE VULTURE
FINDS OUT WHERE BAD
STORMS AND CALAMITIES
ARE GOING TO STRIKE
FROM THESE WEATHER
MAPS! THEN HE RAIDS
THE AREA IN THE
MIDST OF THE
DISASTER!



ACH! DOT
IS DER
ANSWER,
BLACK-
HAWK!
DER SVINE
ARE INDEED
VULTURES!

YES, HENDRICKSON...
VULTURES! NOW, HOW WOULD
YOU GO ABOUT TRAPPING A
GREEDY BIRD OF PREY!
HMMM, THERE'S BOUND TO
BE A WEAKNESS IN THOSE
CHARACTERS!



NEXT DAY, HIGH IN THE PYRENEES MOUN-
TAINS THE VULTURE'S LAIR IS A BEEHIVE OF
ACTIVITY!

WEATNER
BRIEFING! WEATNER
BRIEFING! ON THE
DOUBLE! TAKE
YOUR PLACES!



Then, WITHIN THE OMINOUS
PLUNDERER'S ROOST!

PROCEED WITH THE
DISASTER-LOCATER
MACHINE, GORKA! THE
ELEMENTS ARE PERFECT
FOR A CALAMITY
OF NATURE!

AT ONCE,
VULTURE!

THE
MILAN
WEATHER
REPORT!

PARIS
NEWS
REPORTING!



THE VULTURE'S LAIR WHIRLS INTO ACTION! WITH TRIP-HAMMER SPEED WEATHER REPORTS FROM ACROSS
THE FACE OF EUROPE ARE TABULATED AND FED INTO A STRANGE MACHINE!

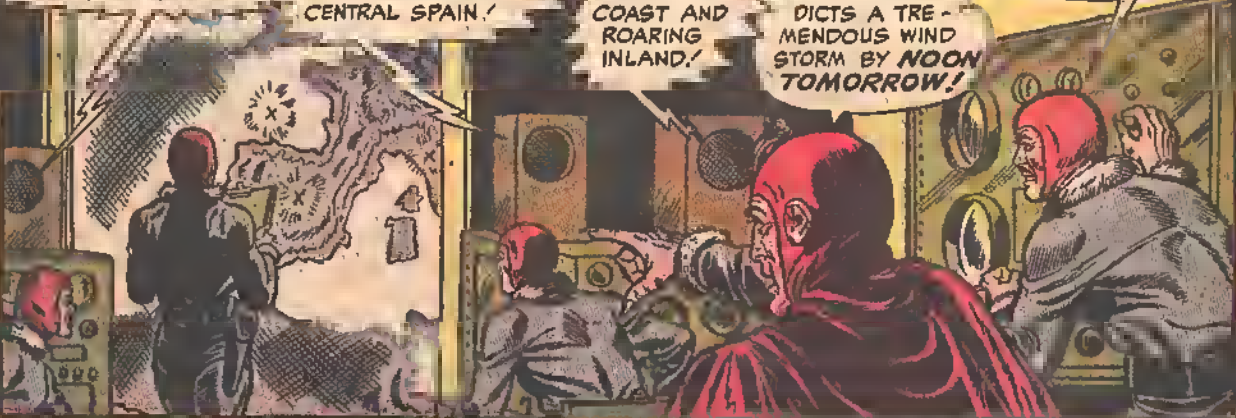
A HEAVY DOWNPOUR
OF RAIN IS HITTING
MILAN, ITALY, HERE...

THE SLEET STORM STRIKING
SOUTHERN FRANCE IS
MOVING SOUTH INTO
CENTRAL SPAIN!

HIGH WINDS
ARE LASHING
THE SPANISH
COAST AND
ROARING
INLAND!

HERE! HERE IN
GRANADA THE
MACHINE PRE-
DICTS A TRE-
MENDOUS WIND
STORM BY NOON
TOMORROW!

EXCELLENT! THE
KILLER VULTURES
WILL BE THERE!



BLACKHAWK

NEXT MORNING, THE GREAT VULTURE PLANE SPEEDS FROM ITS LAIR!

THERE IS MUCH WEALTH IN GRANADA! WE SHOULD DO WELL WHEN THE GREAT WINDS RIP THE CITY, AND PUT IT AT OUR MERCY!

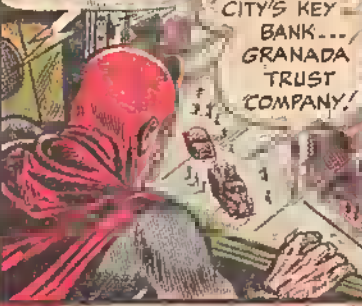
YES, VULTURE... WE SHOULD DO WELL INDEED!



NOON FINDS THE KILLER VULTURES WAITING FOR THEIR VICTIMS TO WEAKEN!

ALL CITIZENS WILL BE EVACUATED TO THE HILLS! BE CALM... OBEY THE POLICE! HURRICANE WINDS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE HOUR!

GOOD! GOOD! THE CITY IS TERROR STRICKEN! PREPARE TO DESCEND... WE WILL STRIKE THE CITY'S KEY BANK... GRANADA TRUST COMPANY!



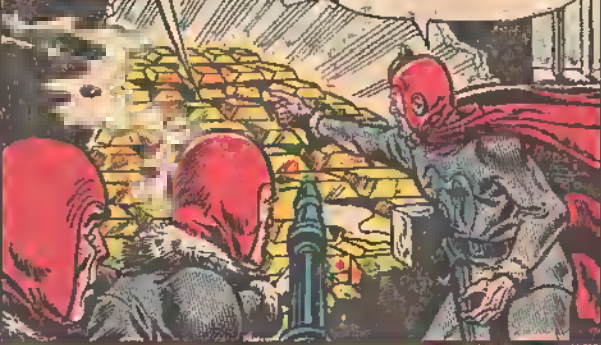
BLOW OPEN A POINT OF ENTRY! HA! THE FEW GUARDS THAT REMAIN ARE TERRIFIED! THEY DARE NOT CHALLENGE US! STRIKE! STRIKE!



Then, WITHIN THE BANK'S INNARDS, THE KILLER VULTURES ARE ASTONISHED AT WHAT THEY FIND AWAITING THEM!

V-VULTURE! THUNDERATION! GOLD BULLION! N-NEVER HAVE I SEEN SO MUCH IN ONE PLACE BEFORE!

WE'VE STRUCK A TREASURE TROVE BEYOND OUR WILDEST IMAGINATION! HURRY! FILL THE VULTURE PLANE!



B-BUT, VULTURE... EVEN OUR GIANT CRAFT CANNOT TAKE ALL THIS WEIGHT WITHOUT LOSING HALF HER SPEED! WE MUST LEAVE HALF OF THE GOLD IN CASE THE BLACKHAWKS COME!

NO, NO, YOU FOOL! THE BLACKHAWKS DON'T KNOW WE'RE HERE AND WE COULD DEFEAT THEM EVEN IF THEY DID! WE WILL TAKE ALL THE GOLD!



OVERLOADED WITH THE HEAVY GOLD THE VULTURE PLANE LUMBERS INTO THE SKY! THEN...

KEEP THAT GREEDY BABY IN YOUR SIGHTS, GANG! OLAF, BETTER BANK TO THE LEFT IN CASE SHE TRIES TO SLIP US THAT WAY!

YAH, BLACK-HAWK! I BAN KEEP GOOD EYE ON HER FAT BELLY!

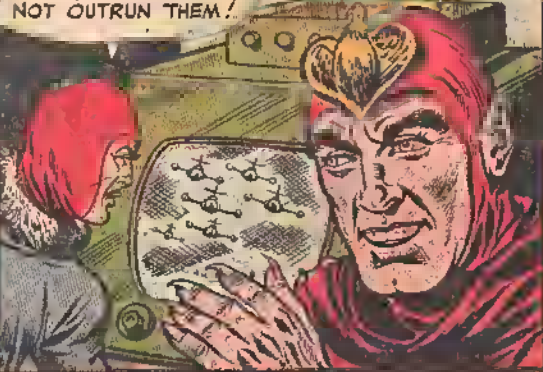
VELLY SLICKY IDEA WAITING FOR VULTURE PLANE TO EAT TOO MUCH SO CAN'T FLY FAST ENOUGH!



WHILE IN THE VULTURE PLANE...

HO, VULTURE! THE BLACKHAWKS ARE AFRAID TO CHALLENGE US... EVEN THOUGH THIS TIME WE COULD NOT OUTFLY THEM!

HA, GORKA! LET THEM LINGER LIKE FRIGHTENED SPARROWS IN OUR SLIP STREAM! THEY'LL DROP OUT WHEN THEIR FUEL GETS LOW!



WHEN THE VULTURE REACHES HIS LAIR...

HO, HOW RIGHT YOU WERE, VULTURE! THE BLACKHAWKS DID NOT DARE ATTACK US! THEY VANISHED INTO THE CLOUDS!

OF COURSE... THEY KNOW THEIR MASTERS'... BE CAREFUL, YOU CLUMSY LOU!



BUT THEN...

WHA...? THE COLOR... THE COLOR HAS RUBBED OFF OF THE BULLION!

I-IMPOSSIBLE!



NOT AT ALL, BOYS! YOU SEE, THAT'S ABOUT FIVE TONS OF LEAD YOU'VE BEEN FLYING OVER THE MOUNTAINS! WE MERELY SPRAYED IT YELLOW!

SURE! WE FIGURED YOU VULTURES WOULD BE GREEDY ENOUGH TO TAKE IT ALL! THANKS! IT WAS THE ONE WAY YOU WOULD BE FORCED TO FLY SLOW ENOUGH FOR US TO FOLLOW!

YIIIIK!

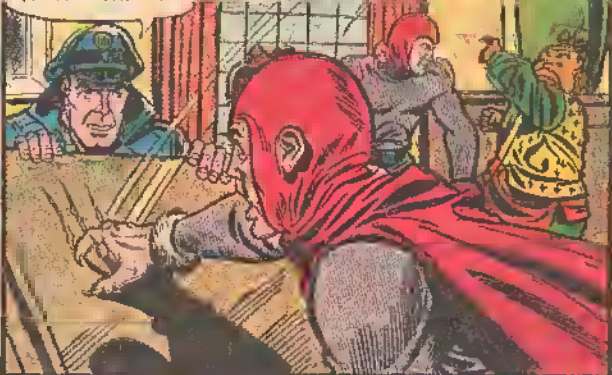


VULTURES ARE CHARACTERISTICALLY GREEDY... THEY STUFF THEMSELVES SO MUCH ON THEIR VICTIMS THAT THEY CAN'T FLY FOR HOURS! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!



YOU'VE BEEN SET UP FOR CAPTURE, VULTURE! THOSE LAST NEWS WEATHER FLASHES WERE FAKES, DREAMED UP BY THE BLACKHAWKS! YOU ARE THE ONLY DISASTER VICTIM NOW!

YOU DOGS LURED ME INTO THE OPEN TO FOLLOW ME HERE AND STEAL MY RICHES!



NOT STEAL THEM, VULTURE... RETURN THEM TO THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNERS... OH-H-H!

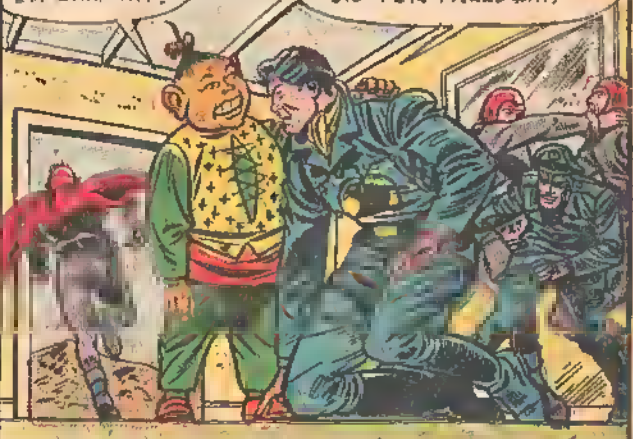
GOLLY CHEES! S-SOLLY, BLACK-HAWK!



QUICKLY, THE TALONED ASSASSIN TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION...

YOU ALLIGHT, BLACKHAWK?

SURE, CHOP CHOP! OH, OH, THE VULTURE'S MAKING A BID FOR FREEDOM!





NOT A CHANCE, YOU BUZZARD OF THE AIR! YOU'RE NOT FEASTING ON ANY MORE HUMAN MISERY IF...



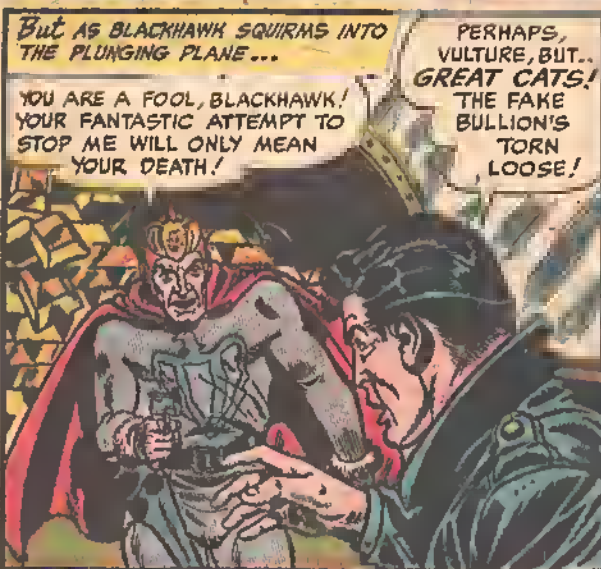
...I CAN HELP IT!



Then, AS THE VULTURE PLANE LEAVES THE GROUND:...

NOW OR NEVER...

YIIIIK! CRAZY FOOL!



But AS BLACKHAWK SQUIRMS INTO THE PLUNGING PLANE...

YOU ARE A FOOL, BLACKHAWK! YOUR FANTASTIC ATTEMPT TO STOP ME WILL ONLY MEAN YOUR DEATH!

PERHAPS, VULTURE, BUT... GREAT CATS! THE FAKE BULLION'S TORN LOOSE!



LEAD DEATH RAINS DOWN A SPLIT SECOND LATER AS...

DON'T TRY TO TRICK ME, BLACKHAWK... YIIIIII!

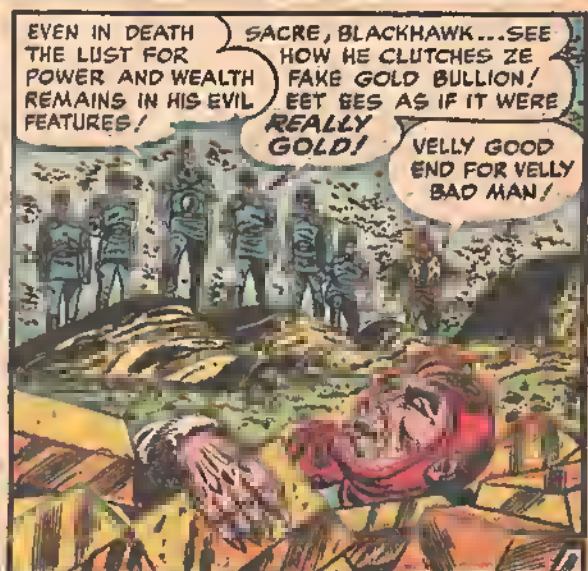


And GRIM MINUTES AFTERWARD...

ACH, BLACKHAWK! WE SAW DER FIGHT! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THE KILLER VULTURES ARE DONE FOR!

A-AND SO IS...THE VULTURE HIMSELF, STANISLAUS!



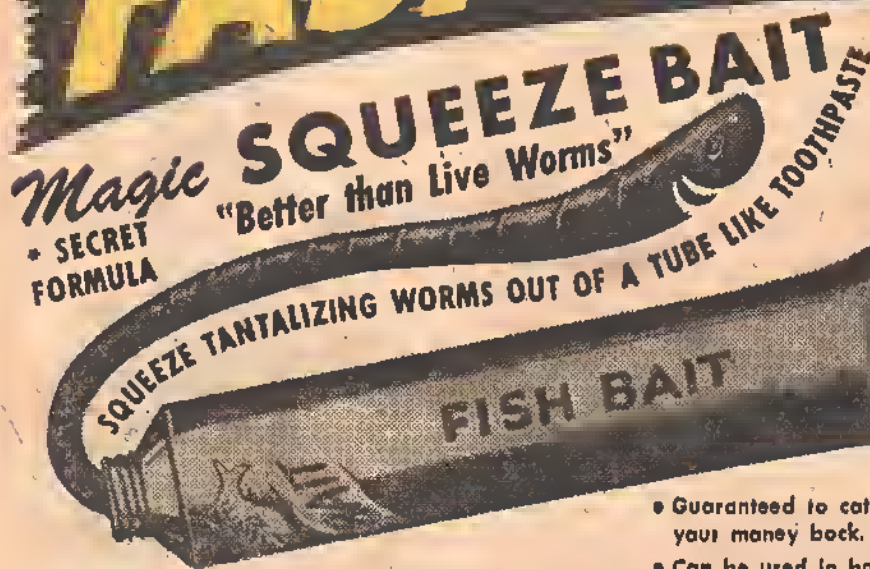
EVEN IN DEATH THE LUST FOR POWER AND WEALTH REMAINS IN HIS EVIL FEATURES!

SACRE, BLACKHAWK...SEE HOW HE CLUTCHES ZE FAKE GOLD BULLION! EET BES AS IF IT WERE REALLY GOLD!

VELLY GOOD END FOR VELLY BAD MAN!

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BLACKHAWK

CHOP CHOP

and the VEILED PRINCESS



VELLY NICE OF SULTAN OF CHICHIKU TO CABLE REQUEST TO BLACKHAWKS TO PLEASE SEND CHOP CHOP TO RECEIVE GREAT HONOR!

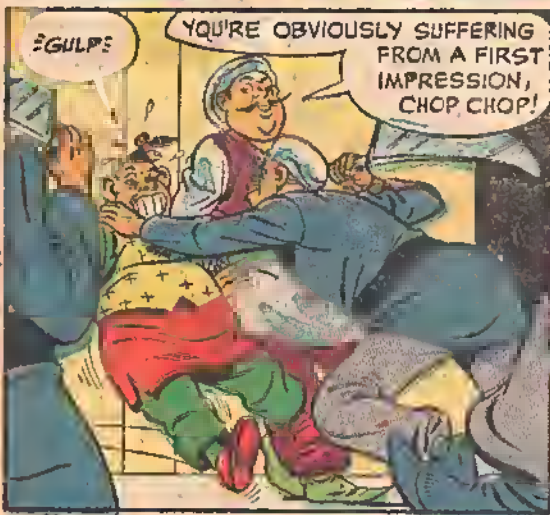
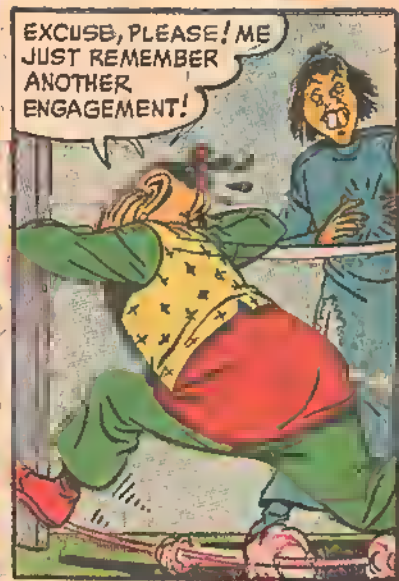
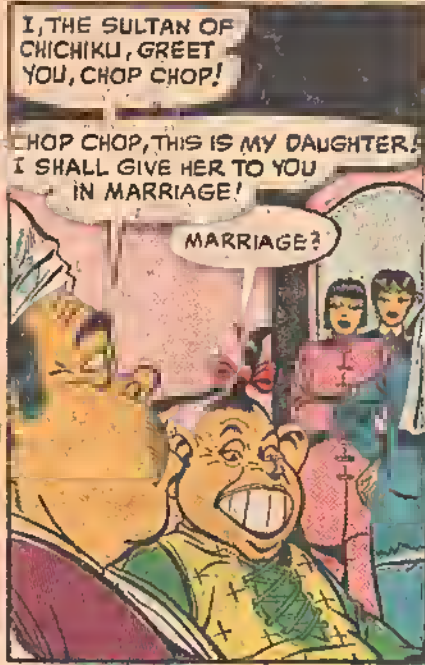


CHICHIKU FAR BEYOND TIBET, YET SULTAN KNOW ABOUT FAMOUS BLACKHAWKS! ME WONDER WHAT GREAT HONOR WILL BE!



CHICHIKU AT LAST! AH... VELLY FINE RECEPTION... FULL DRESS PARADE!





BLACKHAWK

OH, WDE! NOW IF THAT ONE WERE THE PRINCESS IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT STORY! GOLLY! THE WAY SHE LOOKS AT ME SHE MUST HAVE FALLEN FOR CHOP CHOP VELLY MUCH!



YOU WILL STAY HERE WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER UNTIL YOU DECIDE TO BE MY SON-IN-LAW!



NEVER!
NEVER!

ALAS! BLACKHAWKS WILL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN! IT IMPOSSIBLE TO LOOSEN CORDS AND ME HERE MANY HOURS ALREADY! BUT BETTER SLOW DEATH THAN MARRIAGE TO THE PRINCESS!



SMHH!

I KNEW IT! SHE WAS SMITTEN BY CHOP CHOP!



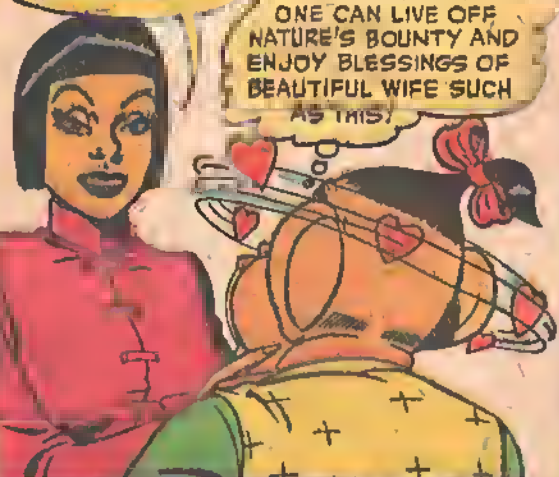
YOU MUST NOT MAKE A SOUND! I WAS ABLE TO GET IN HERE BECAUSE I TOLD THE GUARDS THE PRINCESS HAD SENT ME TO FIND A BROOCH SHE HAD LOST!



YOU RISK YOUR LIFE TO SAVE ME! VELLY ROMANTIC!

YES! WE WILL FLY TO MANALOA AND HAPPINESS!

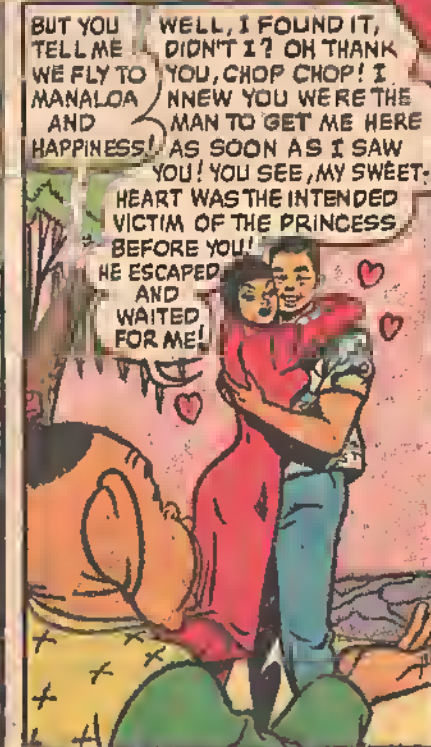
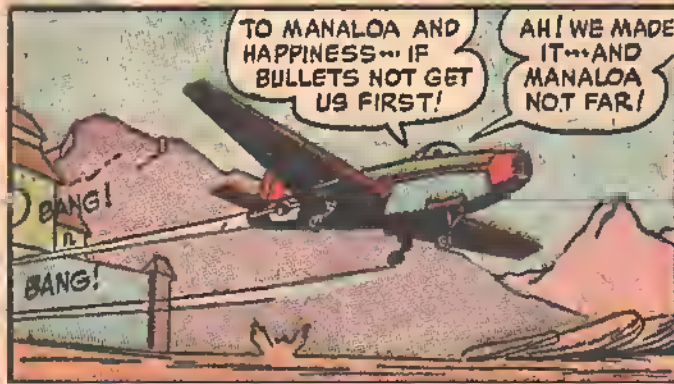
MANALOA! OH JOY! VELLY ROMANTIC TROPICAL ISLAND WHERE ONE CAN LIVE OFF NATURE'S BOUNTY AND ENJOY BLESSINGS OF BEAUTIFUL WIFE SUCH AS THIS!



I STOLE THE KEY TO THIS SECRET PANEL! FOLLOW ME!

TO THE ENDS OF EARTH IF NEED BE!





BLACKHAWK

SOMEWHERE BEHIND RED CHINA'S BAMBOO CURTAIN WERE LIVING GHOSTS... MEN WHO WERE THOUGHT DEAD YET WERE BEING USED FOR A GHASTLY PURPOSE! THIS WAS A TERRIBLE SECRET UNTIL THE GALLANT BLACK-HAWKS EXPOSED THE DEVILTRY BY BEING USED AS...

STAND-INS FOR DEATH!

NOW... FIRE!! THE BLACKHAWKS SHALL BE THE GUINEA PIGS FOR OUR NEW WEAPONS!

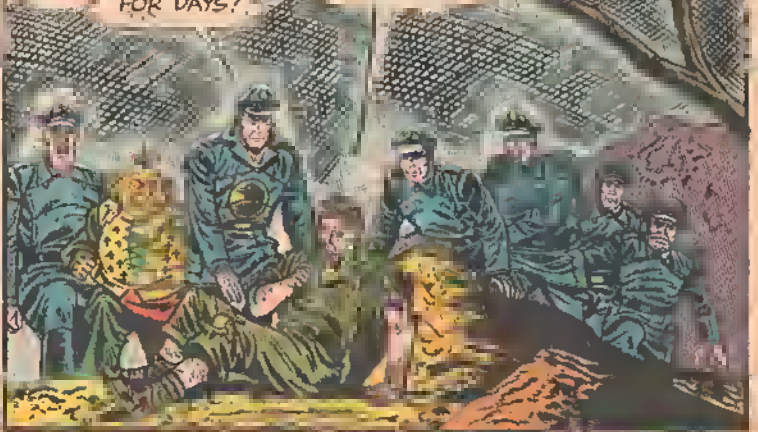
SOMEWHERE OVER RED CHINA, THE BLACKHAWKS ARE COMPLETING A SECRET MISSION...

LOOK BELOW, MEN! A BODY! MAYBE HE'S STILL ALIVE! LET'S GO DOWN AND CHECK!

SOON AFTER, THE BLACKHAWKS REACH THE DYING MAN...

POOR GUY! HE LOOKS AS THOUGH HE'S BEEN WALKING THESE HILLS FOR DAYS!

LISTEN... MORE OF US... PRISONERS... NEED HELP... FREE THEM!





LOOK ON MY BACK...
MAP THERE...I...
UHHHH!

BLACKHAWK FOLLOWS THE
DEAD MAN'S LAST INSTRUCTIONS,
AND THERE, ON THE
DEAD MAN'S BACK... A
TATTOO!

A MAP OF A
CHINESE DISTRICT! HE
PROBABLY MADE SOME
CRUDE INK AND HAD A
FRIEND TATTOO IT ON HIM!



GOT TO GIVE THE
GUY CREDIT FOR
CARRYING THAT MAP
ON HIM WITHOUT THE
REDS KNOWING IT!

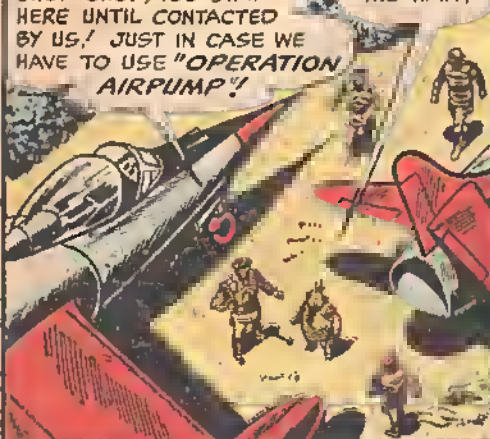
HE SAID, "MORE OF
US... PRISONERS!"
LET'S GO FIND
THEM!



NIGHTFALL! ONLY A FEW MILES FROM THE
DANGER SPOT, THE BLACKHAWKS LAND
THEIR SWIFT JETS!

CHOP CHOP, YOU STAY
HERE UNTIL CONTACTED
BY US! JUST IN CASE WE
HAVE TO USE "OPERATION
AIRPUMP!"

OKEY-DOKEY!
ME WAIT!



THEIR DESTINATION...
A WALLED CITY!

A CHINESE RED
ARMY BASE! AY
TANK WE BETTER
HAVE A CLOSER
LOOK!

RIGHT, OLAF!
AND LET'S DO
IT QUIETLY,
MEN!



KEEP IN THE SHADOWS!
SO FAR WE'VE BEEN
LUCKY IN AVOIDING THE
SENTRIES!

But
LATER,
SOMETHING
UNFORSEEN
BETRAYS
THEIR
PATH!
FOOT-
PRINTS...
MADE
BY OIL
SEEPING
FROM A
TRANSPORT
ENGINE
TO THE
GROUND!



BEHOLD! PRINTS LEAD
ELSEWHERE! SUMMON
THE GUARDS...
QUIETLY!

BLACKHAWK

AND SO, THE BLACKHAWKS MOVE UNSUSPECTINGLY INTO AN AMBUSH!

YOW!
WE WALKED
RIGHT INTO
IT!

YAH... AND MY DANK
WE HAVE TOUGH
TIME WALKING
OUT OF IT!

NO USE... TOO
MANY OF THEM...
UHHH!

YEAR... MCE FIGHT...
WHILE IT LASTED!

And WHEN THEY AWAKEN HOURS LATER...

MORNING, BLACKHAWKS!
WELCOME TO OUR PRIVATE
HELL!

WHA-AAT? SAY,
THAT'S A U.N.
ARMY UNIFORM!

UH-HUH/ I WAS WITH
THE U.N. FIGHTING IN
KOREA/ SO WERE THE
REST OF US... UNTIL
WE WERE TAKEN
PRISONER!

HOW COME
YOU WEREN'T
REPATRIATED
WITH ALL
OTHER POWS
WHEN THE WAR
ENDED?

WE'RE
CASUALTIES
...MISSING
IN ACTION!
AT LEAST
THAT'S WHAT
THE REDS TOLD
THE PRISONER
EXCHANGE
COMMISSION!

BY CLAIMING
WE'RE DEAD,
THE REDS
CAN USE US
AS GUINEA
PIGS!

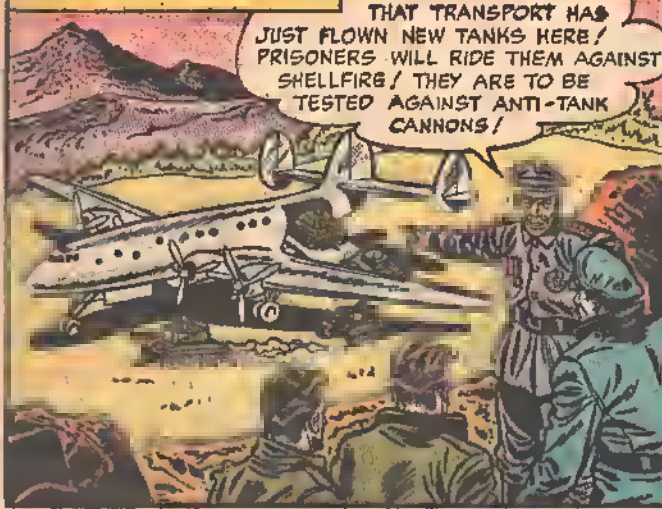
EXACTLY, WHY
RISK THE LIVES
OF GOOD COM-
RADES WHEN
WE CAN USE
PRISONERS FOR
TESTING OUR
WEAPONS!

GENERAL
KLANG!

NOW, BLACKHAWKS...
YOU CAN COME TO THE
TESTING GROUNDS AND
SEE HOW USEFUL THESE
PRISONERS CAN BE!

THE PROVING GROUNDS... WHERE PRISONERS ARE USED TO TEST WEAPONS ON TRIAL!

THAT TRANSPORT HAS JUST FLOWN NEW TANKS HERE! PRISONERS WILL RIDE THEM AGAINST SHELLFIRE! THEY ARE TO BE TESTED AGAINST ANTI-TANK CANNONS!



MOMENTS LATER... CHOSEN PRISONERS RIDE THE LUMBERING VEHICLES FORWARD!

FIRE!!



BAH! THE GUNS BLASTED THEM APART! THE TANKS MUST BE MADE STRONGER... MUCH STRONGER!



YOU MURDERING DEVIL!

HMM! YOU SHOW FIRE, STRENGTH! I THINK WE SHALL REST THE WEAKENED PRISONERS FOR A FEW DAYS! TOMORROW THE **BLACKHAWKS** WILL BE USED FOR BATTLE EXPERIMENTS!



MORNING! THE BLACKHAWKS KEEP A RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH!

MY SOLDIERS NEED MORE PISTOL PRACTISE... ESPECIALLY IN FIRING AT OCCUPANTS OF MOVING CARS!

ACH! UND VU VILL BECOME DER "OCCUPANTS"... CLAY PIGEONS FOR YOUR MEN!



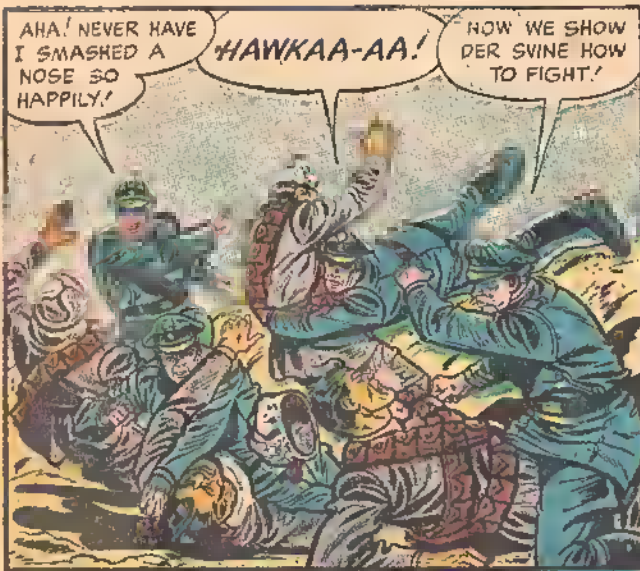
AS THE TREACHEROUS GENERAL IS ABOUT TO GIVE THE SIGNAL, THE BLACKHAWKS DECIDE ON A BOLD STRATEGY!

DRIVE RIGHT AT 'EM! AND WHEN I TELL YOU, JUMP! GET SET...



BOMBS AWAY!





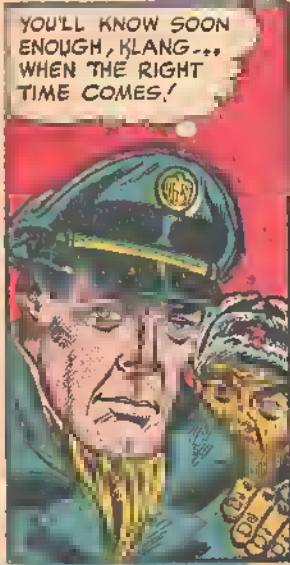
AHA! NEVER HAVE I SMASHED A NOSE SO HAPPILY!

HAWKAA-AA!

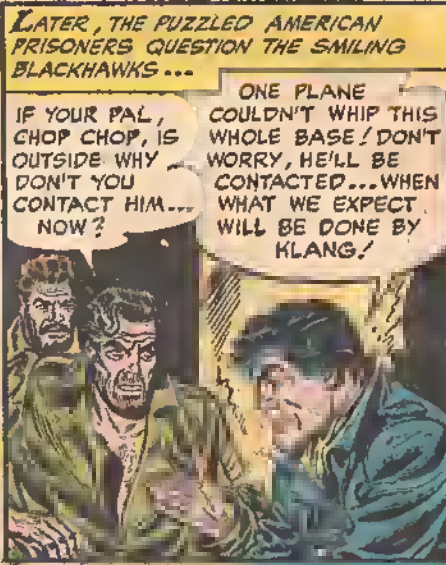
NOW WE SHOW PER SVINE HOW TO FIGHT!



THE FOOLS! SUCH A STUPID ATTEMPT! WHAT DID THEY HOPE TO GAIN BY THIS BRAWL?



YOU'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH, KLANG... WHEN THE RIGHT TIME COMES!



LATER, THE PUZZLED AMERICAN PRISONERS QUESTION THE SMILING BLACKHAWKS...

IF YOUR PAL, CHOP CHOP, IS OUTSIDE WHY DON'T YOU CONTACT HIM... NOW?

ONE PLANE COULDN'T WHIP THIS WHOLE BASE! DON'T WORRY, HE'LL BE CONTACTED... WHEN WHAT WE EXPECT WILL BE DONE BY KLANG!



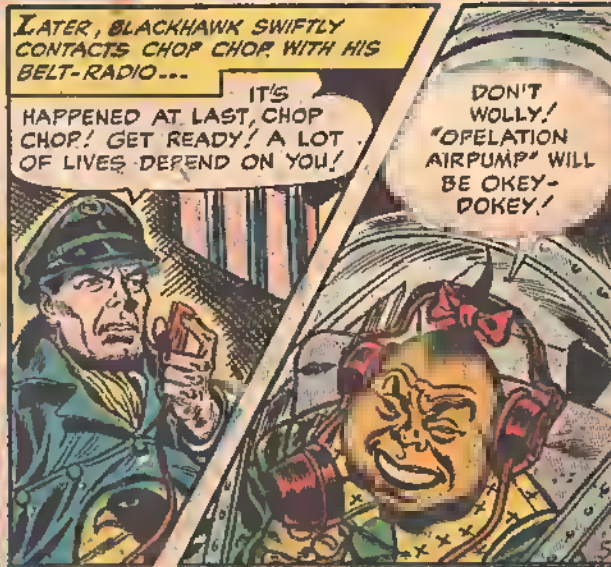
DAY AFTER DAY, THE BLACKHAWKS SUBMIT TO THE DANGEROUS EXPERIMENTS...

EXCELLENT! THANKS TO BLACKHAWK, WE'VE PROVED OUR NEW ARMOR-VEST IS ACTUALLY BULLET-PROOF!



MY MEN NEED PRACTICE IN SHOOTING AT ATTACKING SOLDIERS. TOMORROW YOU'LL ATTACK THEM WITH PISTOLS CONTAINING *BLANKS*. MY MEN WILL USE *LIVE* AMMUNITION, NATURALLY!

NATURALLY!



LATER, BLACKHAWK SWIFTLY CONTACTS CHOP CHOP WITH HIS BELT-RADIO...

IT'S HAPPENED AT LAST, CHOP CHOP! GET READY! A LOT OF LIVES DEPEND ON YOU!

DON'T WOLLY! "OPELATION AIRPUMP" WILL BE OKEY-DOKEY!

MORNING! WILL IT BE THE LAST MORNING SUN THE BLACKHAWKS EVER SEE?

YOUR PISTOLS...YOUR BLANK CARTRIDGES! AND NOW YOUR PRISONER FRIENDS CAN WATCH YOU DIE IN "BATTLE"!

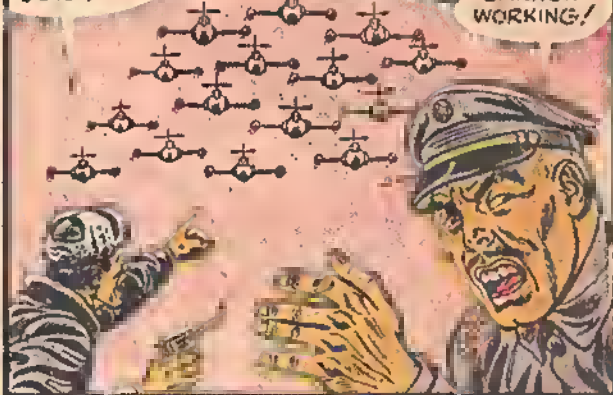
GOLLY! THE BLACKHAWKS WILL NEVER COME OUT OF THIS ALIVE!



SUDDENLY, THE SKIES ARE DARKENED BY AN APPROACHING SQUADRON OF WINGED CRAFT FLYING IN FORMATION!

AIEEE! BLACKHAWK JETS!

HURRY! SOUND ALARM! GET ANTI-AIRCRAFT CANNON WORKING!



BUT THE CANNONEERS ARE SWIFTLY STOPPED...BY PISTOL FIRE!

B-BUT I THOUGHT HE GAVE YOU BLANKS!

HE DID! BUT WE SUBSTITUTED LIVE AMMO FOR THE BLANKS!



BUT WHERE'D YOU GET 'EM?

FROM THE SOLDIERS' CARTRIDGE BELTS UNDER COVER OF THE BRAWL WE STAGED THE OTHER DAY! WE SNAGGED SOME AMMO AND WAITED, EXPECTING KLANG'S BLANK-PISTOL TEST WOULD BE COMING!



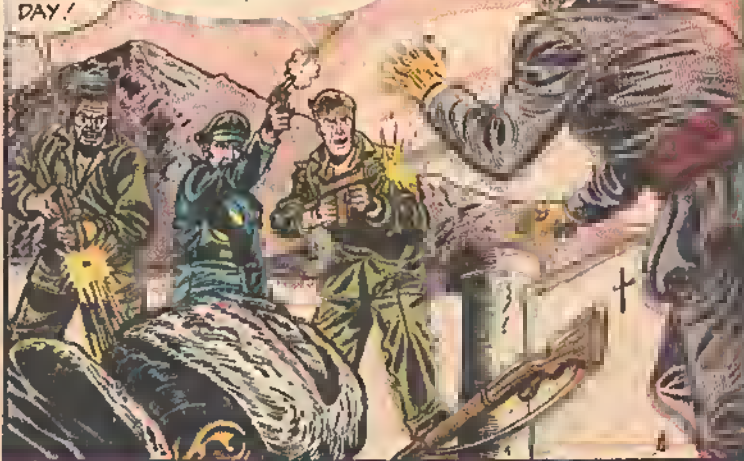
SCOOP UP THOSE GUNS! NOW, WHILE THEY'RE GAWKING AT THE SKY, LET'S HIT 'EM...HARD!

YAHOO! THAT'S FOR ME!



MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

THIS IS FOR THE GOOD JOES YOU KILLED DURING YOUR ROTTEN TESTS!



AS BLACKHAWK LEADS HIS MEN TOWARD THE HUGE TRANSPORT SHIP, SUDDENLY UGLY BULLETS YAMMER AT THEM!

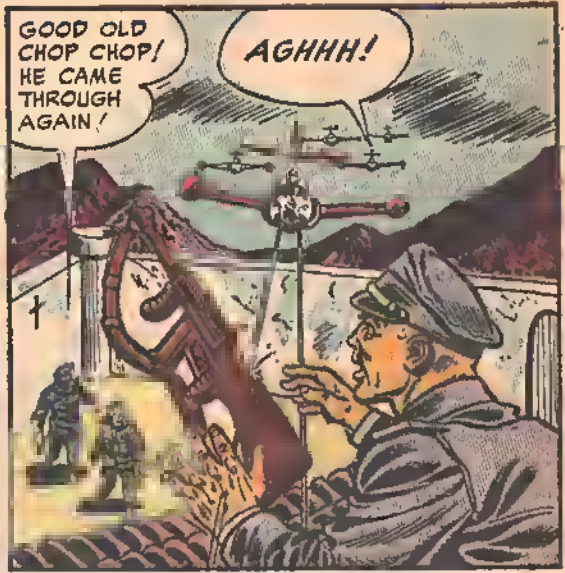
IT'S KLANG... WITH AN M-GUN! HE'S GOT US CUT OFF!

THROW DOWN YOUR GUNS! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE!



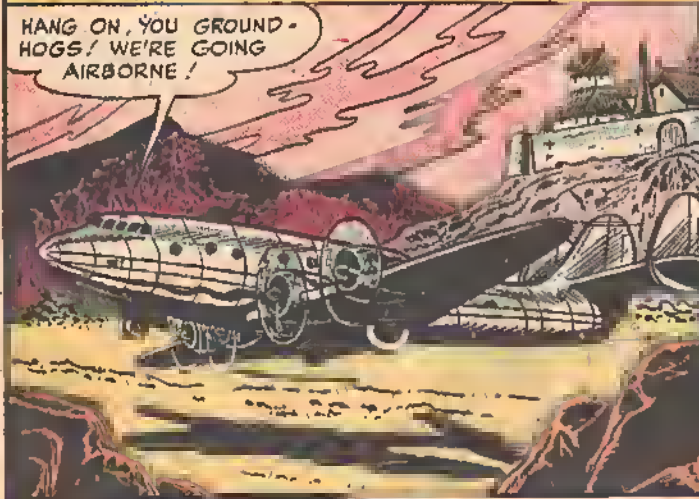
GOOD OLD CHOP CHOP! HE CAME THROUGH AGAIN!

AGHHH!



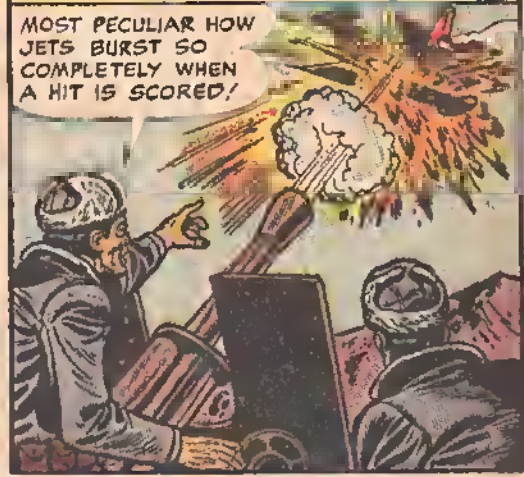
A MOMENT LATER, WITH THE AMERICAN POWS ABOARD, BLACKHAWK SENDS THE GREAT TRANSPORT SKYWARD!

HANG ON, YOU GROUND-HOGS! WE'RE GOING AIRBORNE!



MEANWHILE, THE BUSY ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNNERS VIEW THE BLACKHAWK SQUADRON WHICH REACTS STRANGELY UNDER FIRE...

MOST PECULIAR HOW JETS BURST SO COMPLETELY WHEN A HIT IS SCORED!



I DON'T GET IT! I ALWAYS THOUGHT THERE WERE ONLY SIX BLACKHAWK JETS!

THERE ARE! ACTUALLY, CHOP IS FLYING ONE JET THAT IS TOWING ALONG A LINE OF DUMMY PLANES MADE OF RUBBER! THAT'S OPERATION AIRPUMP!



IT'S OUR NEW INVENTION! EACH JET CARRIES FOLDED UP "JET BALLOONS" THAT BLOW UP INTO SHAPE WITH COMPRESSED AIR CARTRIDGES, JUST LIKE RUBBER LIFE RAFTS! IT'S GOOD FOR A BLUFF "ATTACK"!



AND IT WORKED! AND NOW YOU'RE FREE! YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY HOME... YOU'RE GOING HOME AT LAST!



*The
Perfect*

BLACKHAWK

DOUBLE CROSS

ROGLI emerged from his final meeting with the plastic surgeon, a man with a new face and a new name . . . R. Michon. He sighed audibly as he caught sight of his reflection in the rear view mirror of his rented car. Behind him lay murder, the death of the doctor was but one of a long list for Rogli. His crimes were international and his new beginning had cost the life of the one man who could identify him positively to the government he was about to betray.

He abandoned the car a few blocks from the waterfront and hurried to the small launch waiting for him. Potov greeted him from the helm, "Your transformation is perfect. We'll have the secret plans for the continental airfields in a matter of days." He paused, looking thoughtful as he swung the launch out towards the sea. "Remember, not even our agents on ship must know you are one of us. Your true identity is lost forever. To the world you are R. Michon, honored representative of a small free nation. You will be amply rewarded for this job, Rogli . . . or, Michon!"

Rogli smiled polite acknowledgement, in careful imitation of the many movies he had studied of the man he was about to replace. And he mused on the comments of Potov, chief of the underground . . . "Amply rewarded," he had said. These words rang in Rogli's mind.

He was smuggled on board the liner as it slowed to enter the bay. He went confidently to the suite of R. Michon. Rogli found the man alone, his back to the door as he perused his papers. In a matter of minutes, the gruesome job was done.

Government officials were on hand to meet R. Michon and escort him to the capital. It wasn't until negotiations were under way that Rogli conceived the idea of playing both ends against the middle. He would turn the plans over to Potov and collect his reward,

but before, as R. Michon, he would contact government agents and claim that his government had empowered him to reveal certain facts about Potov and his nationwide movement, gathered by his own free nation secret agents. He would kill Potov, as if by accident, retrieve the papers, then turn his body over to the police. And a new life would lie before him as R. Michon, respected representative of the free world. The perfect double cross.

Later that week he was somewhat jolted to be introduced to Potov and his hovering assistant at an embassy party. Potov played his part well, and his burly henchman was openly hostile. Rogli smiled inwardly at this. You had to give Potov credit for a tightly knit organization. Still nobody knew Rogli as anyone but R. Michon.

Rogli met with Potov alone, as planned, and turned over the plans for the airfields. Potov laughed softly as he looked over the papers. "Fine job, Michon, fine," he said, and he whirled to face Rogli, a gun in his hand. "And here is your reward, my friend. I'll take these papers myself and sell them to the highest bidder." Rogli went white with panic. "I must stall him," he thought frantically, "The government agents will be here soon." He tried pleading, as Potov laughed, "That doesn't become you, my friend, not the honorable R. Michon."

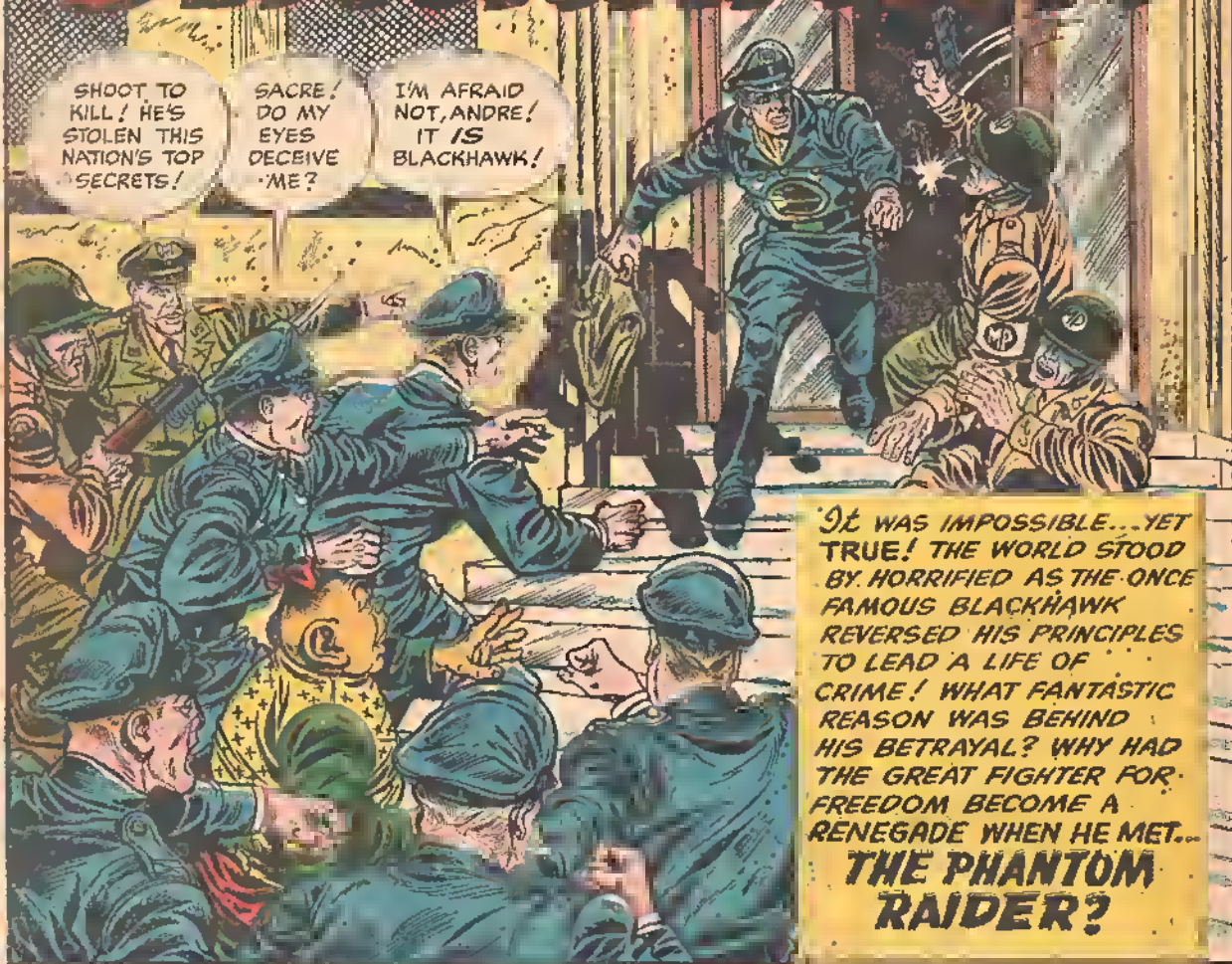
Just then Rogli heard a sound in the hall behind him. Hope surged through him. "Now," he shouted, "the government agents have come," and he whipped out his gun and fired point blank. As Potov crumpled to the floor, groaning, a silent bullet struck Rogli's back. He pitched forward and ricocheted off a small table to lie face up. His fading eyes showed Potov's thug bending over him, gun in hand, as the government agents hurt into the room. The perfect double cross had worked both ways.

BLACKHAWK

SHOOT TO KILL! HE'S STOLEN THIS NATION'S TOP SECRETS!

SACRE! DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME?

I'M AFRAID NOT, ANDRE! IT IS BLACKHAWK!



IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE...YET TRUE! THE WORLD STOOD BY HORRIFIED AS THE ONCE FAMOUS BLACKHAWK REVERSED HIS PRINCIPLES TO LEAD A LIFE OF CRIME! WHAT FANTASTIC REASON WAS BEHIND HIS BETRAYAL? WHY HAD THE GREAT FIGHTER FOR FREEDOM BECOME A RENEGADE WHEN HE MET...
THE PHANTOM RAIDER?

AT THE FREE WORLD'S HUGE ARSENAL IN CENTRAL EUROPE A BAND OF MEN GARBED IN STRANGE UNIFORMS OF WAR, ATTACK UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS!

YAAAGH!

HURRY! TIME IS ESSENTIAL! WE HAVE EXACTLY **TWELVE** MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE RAID AND WITHDRAW!



DESCENDING UPON THE MUNITIONS DUMP LIKE A SWARM OF LOCUSTS, THE GHOSTLY FIGURES GO ABOUT THEIR WORK METHODICALLY... SWIFTLY!

AAAGH!

SEVEN MINUTES AND TWENTY-FOUR SECONDS TO GO! THE ATTACK IS PROGRESSING EXCELLENTLY! BEFORE THE BLACKHAWKS CAN BE ALERTED WE'LL BE OUT OF THE AREA! **PREPARE BOOBY TRAPS!**



BLACKHAWK

MEANWHILE, AS THE FAMED FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM PRACTICE NIGHT MANEUVERS BLACKHAWK'S RADIO CRACKLES WITH A STARTLING BULLETIN!

ATTENTION! THE FREE WORLD ARSENAL HAS JUST BEEN ATTACKED! FURTHER BULLETINS TO FOLLOW!

HOWLING JETS! THAT'S THE BIGGEST AMMO DUMP IN EUROPE! HMMM... I WONDER IF THIS IS THE PHANTOM'S DOING? PHANTOM GIVE CHOP CHOP CREEPS! ALWAYS VANISH IN PUFF OF SMOKE!

YES... HE'S MANAGED TO ELUDE US IN THE PAST, CHOP CHOP! BUT LUCK IS ON OUR SIDE THIS TIME... WE'RE RIGHT NEAR THAT ARSENAL! FOLLOW ME IN, GANG! WE'RE BLASTING DOWN FOR A LANDING!

OUI! JAWOHL!

YUMPIN YITTERBUGS! WE CAN CATCH THE PHANTOM THIS TIME!

RIGHT, OLAF! AND WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THAT GHOSTLY CHARACTER SOMETHING TO WAIT ABOUT! FAN OUT FOR AN ALL OUT OFFENSIVE!



THEIR FISTS POISED FOR ACTION, THE BATTLING BLACK-HAWKS SWEEP DOWN UPON THE HOODED ATTACKERS AND...

THIS IS ALL VERY WELL, BLACKHAWK! BUT I DO NOT SEE THEIR LEADER, THE PHANTOM!

THESE BOYS SEEM RATHER ANXIOUS TO KEEP US AWAY FROM THAT BUILDING, STANISLAUS! PERHAPS HE'S IN THERE!



ON THE VALIANT BLACKHAWK LEADER FIGHTS HIS WAY TO THE BUILDING...

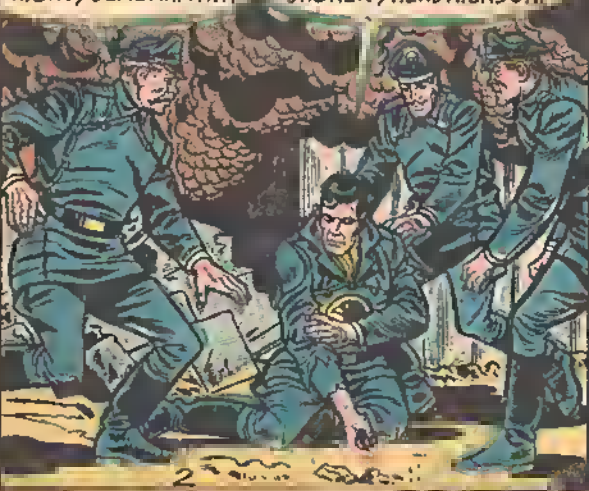


W-WHA...

SACRE! BLACKHAWK... HE EES HURT! LET'S MOP THESE CHARACTERS UP AND GIVE HIM A HAND, ANDRE!

ACH DU LIEBER! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BLACKHAWK?

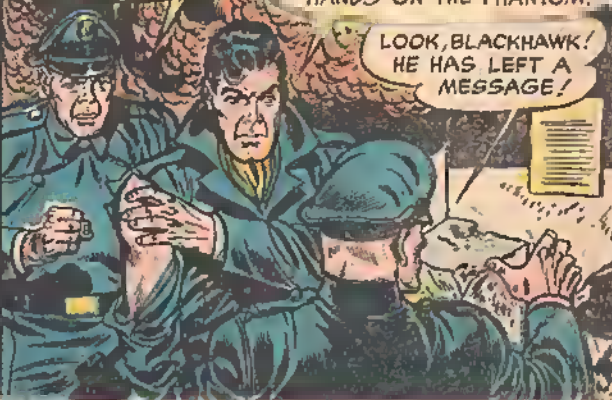
MY ARM! MY RIGHT ARM! I THINK IT'S BROKEN, HENDRICKSON!



THAT PHANTOM'S A REAL SHARP OPERATOR! HE RIGGED A BOOBY TRAP IN THE ENTRANCE AND THEN TOOK OFF!

YES, I'M AFRAID HE OUTWITTED US! THESE SOLDIERS OF HIS WERE A REAR GUARD DETAIL TO STALL US WHILE HE MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE! IF I COULD ONLY GET MY HANDS ON THE PHANTOM!

LOOK, BLACKHAWK! HE HAS LEFT A MESSAGE!



PY YIMINY! THE PHANTOM IS YUST A COWARD!

JA, OLAF! BUT IT ISS BLACK-HAWK HE FEARS! DAT IS WHY HE HAS AVOIDED CLASHES MIT US!

AS LONG AS BLACKHAWK IS YOUR LEADER, WE'LL NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO BATTLE THE PHANTOM!

HM-M... THAT'S RIGHT, HENDRICKSON! I WONDER...

THIS IS NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THE PHANTOM, BLACKHAWK! YOU SHOULD HAVE A DOCTOR LOOK AT THAT ARM! LET'S GET TO A HOSPITAL!

I'LL GO ALONG ALONE, FELLOWS! THE WOUNDED GUARDS HERE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET! MEET ME AT THE HOSPITAL LATER!

VERY WELL, MON AMI! WE WILL JOIN YOU SHORTLY!

LATER, THE BLACKHAWKS ARE SHOCKED AS THEY JOIN THEIR LEADER AT CITY HOSPITAL AND LEARN HIS FATE!

I'M AFRAID IT IS TRUE, GENTLEMEN... BLACKHAWK HAS SUFFERED A SEVERE FRACTURE OF HIS RIGHT ARM! X-RAYS DON'T LIE!

BUT... WE CANNOT GO ON WITHOUT HIM!

O-OUI!

I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO, MEN! THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIBED A REST FOR ME! BESIDES... I WOULDN'T BE ANY HELP TO YOU IN THIS CONDITION! HENDRICKSON CAN TAKE OVER WHILE I'M GONE!

JA...

IF IT ISS YOUR ORDER, BLACK-HAWK!

THIS IT IS THAT BLACKHAWK IS LEFT ALONE BY HIS COMPANIONS AT A SECLUDED MOUNTAIN RETREAT!

OH, GOLLIES! WITHOUT BLACKHAWK WE ARE HELPLESS LIKE WINGLESS BIRDS!

TRUE WORDS, CHOP CHOP! BUT OUR LEADER NEEDS THIS REST! WE MUST CARRY ON AND MAKE HIM PROUD OF US!

YOU SAID IT, STANISLAUS!

THE NEXT EVENING, A LONE FIGURE CREEPS STEALTHILY UP TO A HEAVILY GUARDED GOVERNMENT BUILDING WHERE...

HEY! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

WELL WHATA YOU KNOW... IT'S THE FAMOUS...



CAN THIS BE TRUE? HAS THE WORLD RENOWNED BLACK-HAWK TURNED TO CRIME... AND WHY? LET US FOLLOW HIS MOVEMENTS AND DISCOVER THE MOTIVE BEHIND THIS FANTASTIC SCENE!



WIDE-EYED WITH ASTONISHMENT, GUARDS
MUST MUSTER ALL THEIR COURAGE TO SHOOT
DOWN THEIR IDOL AS HE FLEES FROM THE
AREA!

I-I CAN'T
FIRE AT...AT BLACK-
HAWK! PERHAPS HE'S
ONLY LOST HIS MIND
TEMPORARILY!

SHOOT TO KILL!
FRIEND OR NOT...
HE'S STOLEN THIS
NATION'S TOP
SECRETS!



BUT BLACKHAWK MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE! SOON AFTER, AT THE WORLD COURT...

IT'S FANTASTIC,
OF COURSE!
BLACKHAWK'S ARM
IS BROKEN! BESIDES,
HE WOULD NEVER
COMMIT SUCH A
CRIME!

PERHAPS...BUT HE STILL MUST
ABSOLVE HIMSELF OF THE THEFT/
AFTER ALL, A CHARGE HAS BEEN
MADE AGAINST HIM/LET US
VISIT BLACKNAWK
T. AT ONCE/ AGREE

AGREED
GENERAL
PRADAS



SHORTLY, AS THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CONFRONTS THE DISABLED BLACKHAWK AT HIS MOUNTAIN RETREAT!

OBVIOUSLY SOME-
ONE WAS IMPER-
SONATING ME,
GENTLEMEN! HOW
COULD I POSSIBLY
HAVE STRUCK
THOSE GUARDS
WITH MY RIGHT
ARM FRACTURED
AND IN A CAST?

AN EXCELLENT
DEFENSE, BLACK
HAWK! THEN I'M
SURE YOU WON'T
MIND IF ANOTHER
X-RAY OF YOUR
ARM IS TAKEN
TO VERIFY THE
AUTHENTICITY
OF THE INJURY
AND THUS CLEAR
YOUR NAME!



IT... APPEARS A LITTLE PLAN I
HAD IN MIND HAS JUST BACK-
FIRED! GENTLEMEN, THERE IS NO
SENSE IN TAKING ANOTHER
X-RAY! YOU SEE, MY
ARM **ISN'T**
BROKEN!

W-WHAT?



I FAKED THE INJURY TO BAIT THE PHANTOM INTO BATTLING THE BLACKHAWKS! HE HAD SAID HE WOULDN'T FIGHT US AS LONG AS I WAS THE ACTIVE LEADER! SO I FEIGNED A BRUISED ARM!

BUT MON AM I... ZEE X-RAY OF ZEE FRACTURE WE SAW AT ZEE HOSPITAL?

BUT MON
AMI...ZEE
X-RAY OF ZEE
FRACTURE WE
SAW AT ZEE
HOSPITAL?



BLACKHAWK

THAT WAS ALL PART OF THE PLAN TO CONVINCE THE WORLD I WAS HURT, ANDRE! I SLIPPED PHONEY X-RAY PLATES INTO THE DOCTOR'S LAB!

DO YOU TAKE US FOR IDIOTS, BLACKHAWK? YOU FAKED THAT INJURY SO YOU COULD PLUNDER AND ROB ABOVE SUSPICION! CHARGES WILL BE PRESSED AGAINST YOU IMMEDIATELY!



YOU... DON'T BELIEVE ME THEN?

SORRY, BLACKHAWK... THE EVIDENCE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF! WE WILL PUT YOU IN CUSTODY OF YOUR FRIENDS UNTIL YOUR TRIAL!



WE HANG TRAITORS LIKE BLACKHAWK IN THE ARMY!

LATER, THE STUNNED BLACKHAWKS FACE THE GRIM DECISION OF THE WORLD COURT REGARDING THEIR FALLEN LEADER!

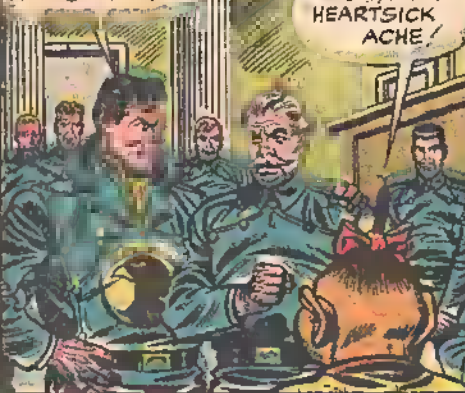
BECAUSE OF YOUR VITAL SERVICES TO THE WORLD IN THE PAST WE WILL NOT PROSECUTE YOU, BLACKHAWK! HOWEVER, YOU MUST RESIGN FROM THE BLACKHAWKS... OR WE WILL OUT-LAW THE GROUP!



BUT... I AM INNOCENT, I TELL YOU!

WE VILL NOT ALLOW DIS!

WAIT, HENDRICKSON... GANG! IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD I AM A THIEF! MY NAME CAN ONLY DO YOU HARM NOW... YOU MUST FOLLOW THE CODE OF THE BLACKHAWKS! I MUST BE BANISHED FROM THE GROUP AS OUR LAW STATES!



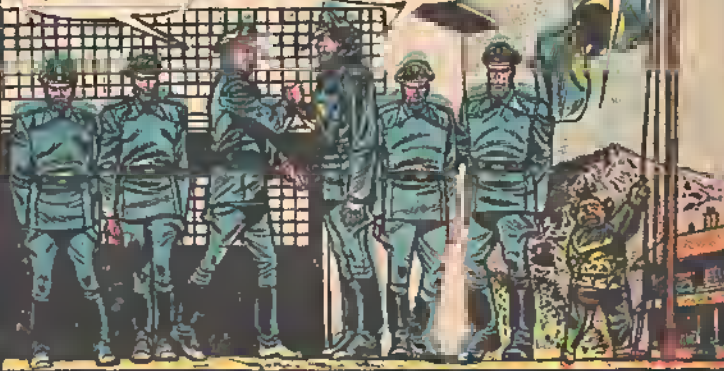
OH, VELL HEARTSICK ACHE!

BANISHMENT FROM BLACKHAWK ISLAND! THE TOUGH CODE OF THE BLACKHAWKS IS USED FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME AGAINST ITS CREATOR!

A-AND FOR YOUR... BETRAYAL... YOU ARE HEREBY BANISHED A-AND...

SAY IT, CHUCK... SAY IT AS OUR CODE OF LAW DIRECTS!

SNIFFLE! SNIFFLE!



...AND HENCEFORTH YOU SHALL BE S-SHUNNED BY BLACKHAWKS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOU MAY BE JUDGED INNOCENT OF ANY CRIMES!



The DRUM ROLLS... AND DOWN THE CHEEK OF BLACKHAWK A TEAR TRICKLES... FOR BRAVE MEN CRY ALSO WHEN THEIR WORLD IS FALLING ABOUT THEM!



S-SO LONG... GANG!

THAT
IT IS
THAT
THE MAN
WHO
ONCE
HELD THE
WORLD'S
HIGHEST
HONORS
IS NOW AN
OUTCAST
FROM
THOSE HE
FOUGHT
WITH SO
LONG
AND
VALIANTLY!

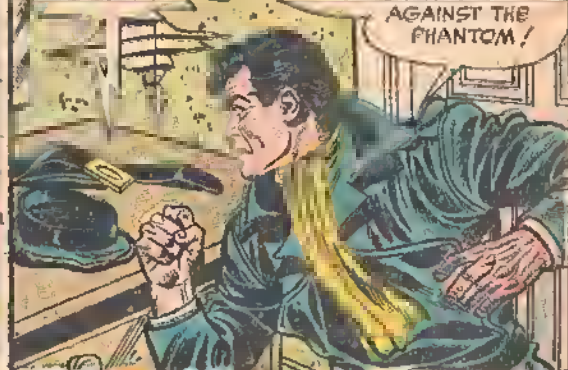
GOSH... I SURE
MISS THE GANG!
IF I COULD ONLY
FIGURE OUT WHO
FRAMED ME...
WHA...?

THE BLACKHAWKS ARE AT
THIS MOMENT WAGING A
DESPERATE BATTLE
AGAINST THE PHANTOM'S
RAIDING ARMY WHO HAS
STRUCK BOLDLY AT
WORLD ARMORY!



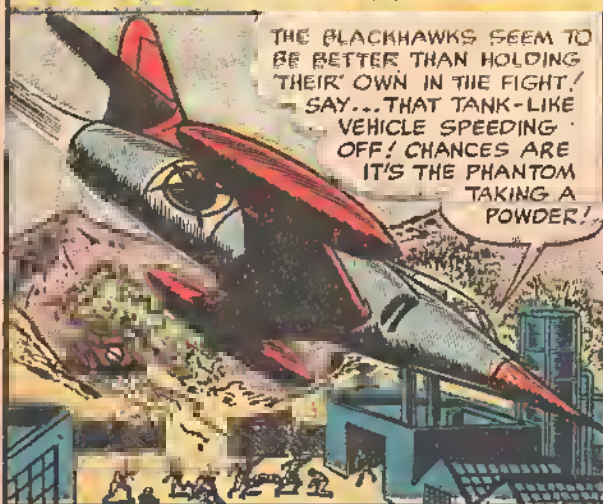
...IT IS OBVIOUS
COORDINATION AMONG
THE VALIANT FIGHTERS
FOR FREEDOM ISN'T
WHAT IT USED TO BE!
APPARENTLY THEY
SOLEMNLY MISS THEIR
LEADER!

IF I COULD ONLY GIVE
THE FELLOWS A HAND...
BUT THAT'S AGAINST
THE LAW NOW! WAIT A
MINUTE... WORLD COURT
DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
ABOUT CARRYING ON
MY OWN FIGHT
AGAINST THE
PHANTOM!

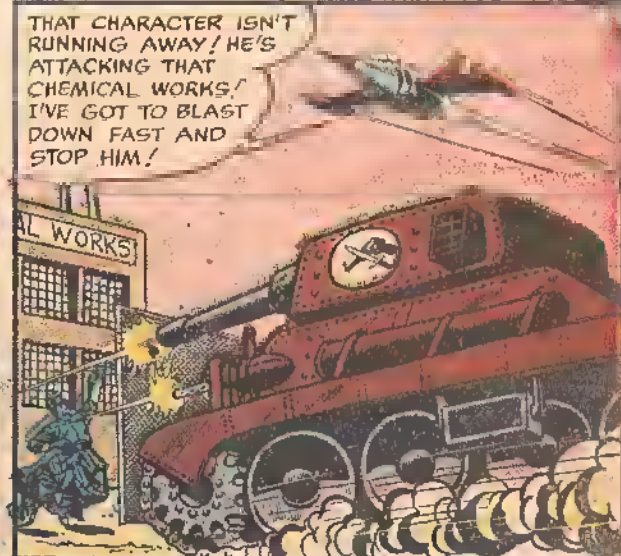


MINUTES LATER, AS THE FORMER BLACKHAWK
LEADER STREAKS OVER THE WORLD ARMORY...

THE BLACKHAWKS SEEM TO
BE BETTER THAN HOLDING
THEIR OWN IN THE FIGHT!
SAY... THAT TANK-LIKE
VEHICLE SPEEDING
OFF! CHANCES ARE
IT'S THE PHANTOM
TAKING A
POWDER!



THAT CHARACTER ISN'T
RUNNING AWAY! HE'S
ATTACKING THAT
CHEMICAL WORKS!
I'VE GOT TO BLAST
DOWN FAST AND
STOP HIM!



SHORTLY, AS THE PHANTOM
COMMANDS HIS MEN WITHIN THE
CHEMICAL WORKS...

PLACE THE TIME BOMB
HERE, MEN! IN ONE
HOUR... AT PRECISELY
ONE O'CLOCK... THIS
PLACE WILL BE A
SMOLDERING RUIN!
WHA... BLACKHAWK!

WE MEET
AT LAST,
PHANTOM!
AND THE
PLEASURE
IS MINE!



I'LL BET MY JET YOU'RE AS
ALLERGIC TO A HUMAN FIST
AS ANY MORTAL, PHANTOM! AT
ANY RATE... I'M
GOING TO
FIND OUT!

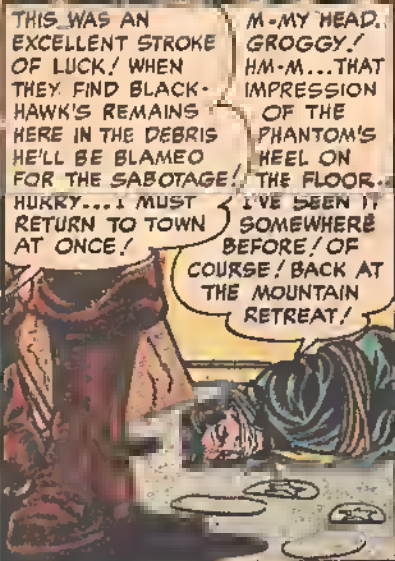
DON'T COUNT
ON IT,
BLACKHAWK!



O-OH...

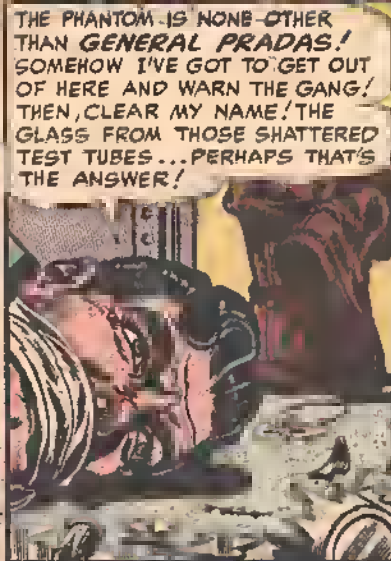
YOU ALWAYS WERE
AN OVERCONFIDENT
FOOL! BIND HIM
SECURELY, MEN!



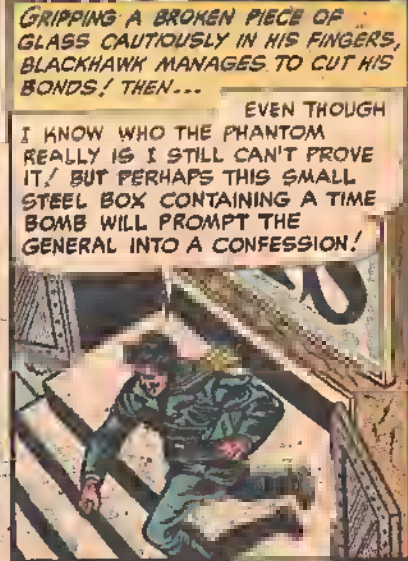


THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT STROKE OF LUCK! WHEN THEY FIND BLACK-HAWK'S REMAINS HERE IN THE DEBRIS HE'LL BE BLAMED FOR THE SABOTAGE! HURRY... I MUST RETURN TO TOWN AT ONCE!

M-MY HEAD. GROGGY! HM-M... THAT IMPRESSION OF THE PHANTOM'S HEEL ON THE FLOOR... I'VE SEEN IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE! OF COURSE! BACK AT THE MOUNTAIN RETREAT!

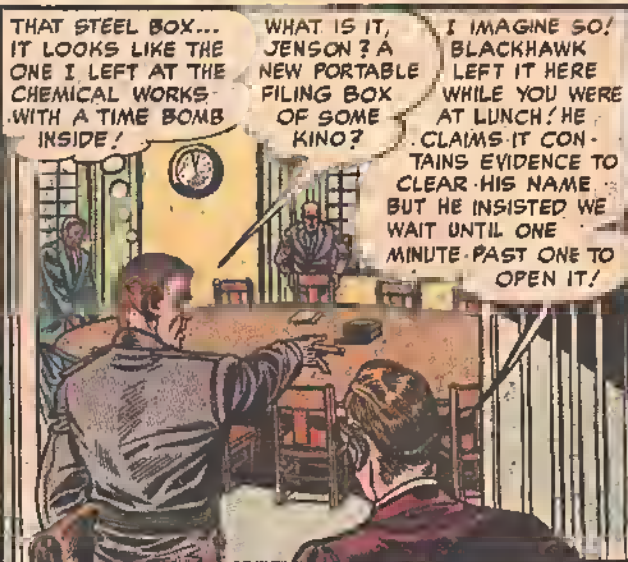


THE PHANTOM IS NONE OTHER THAN GENERAL PRADAS! SOMEHOW I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE AND WARN THE GANG! THEN, CLEAR MY NAME! THE GLASS FROM THOSE SHATTERED TEST TUBES... PERHAPS THAT'S THE ANSWER!



GRIPPING A BROKEN PIECE OF GLASS CAUTIOUSLY IN HIS FINGERS, BLACKHAWK MANAGES TO CUT HIS BONDS! THEN... EVEN THOUGH I KNOW WHO THE PHANTOM REALLY IS I STILL CAN'T PROVE IT! BUT PERHAPS THIS SMALL STEEL BOX CONTAINING A TIME BOMB WILL PROMPT THE GENERAL INTO A CONFESSION!

As GENERAL PRADAS ENTERS THE WORLD COURT WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS AT 12:57 HIS ATTENTION IS SUDDENLY ATTRACTED TO AN OBJECT ON THE CONFERENCE TABLE!



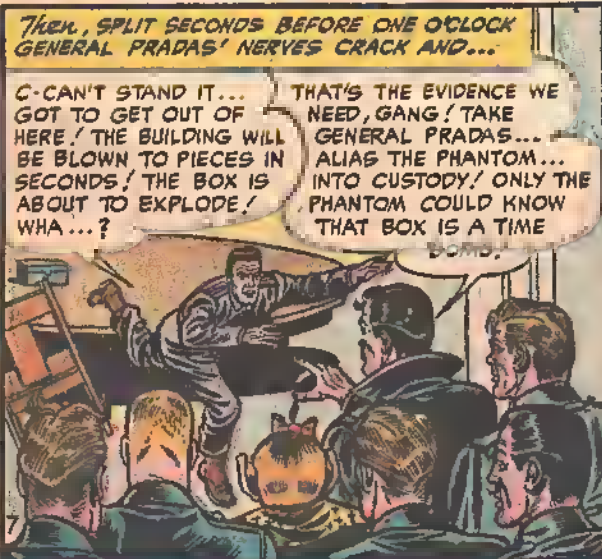
THAT STEEL BOX... IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONE I LEFT AT THE CHEMICAL WORKS WITH A TIME BOMB INSIDE!

WHAT IS IT, JENSON? A NEW PORTABLE FILING BOX OF SOME KIND?

I IMAGINE SO! BLACKHAWK LEFT IT HERE WHILE YOU WERE AT LUNCH! HE CLAIMS IT CONTAINS EVIDENCE TO CLEAR HIS NAME BUT HE INSISTED WE WAIT UNTIL ONE MINUTE PAST ONE TO OPEN IT!



BLACKHAWK SOMEHOW ESCAPED! HE... BROUGHT MY TIME EXPLOSIVE HERE TO SEEK REVENGE FOR HIS HUMILIATION BY BLOWING UP THE WORLD COURT! O-ONE MINUTE TO GO...



Then, SPLIT SECONDS BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK GENERAL PRADAS' NERVES CRACK AND...

C-CAN'T STAND IT... GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! THE BUILDING WILL BE BLOWN TO PIECES IN SECONDS! THE BOX IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE! WHA...?

THAT'S THE EVIDENCE WE NEED, GANG! TAKE GENERAL PRADAS... ALIAS THE PHANTOM... INTO CUSTODY! ONLY THE PHANTOM COULD KNOW THAT BOX IS A TIME BOMB.



LATER AFTER WORLD COURT MEMBERS LEARN OF BLACKHAWK'S PLOT TO APPREHEND THE CULPRIT!

BUT BLACKHAWK... WHY DIDN'T THE TIME BOMB GO OFF?

I MERELY DEACTIVATED IT! AS YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS IT FRIGHTENED YOU INTO REVEALING YOUR GUILT BY ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE!

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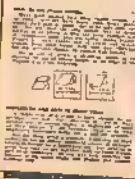
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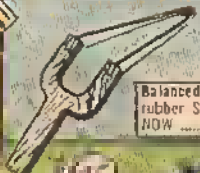
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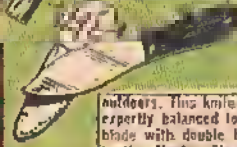
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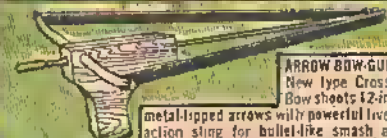


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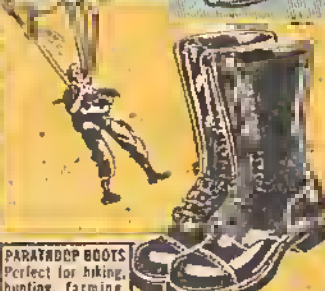
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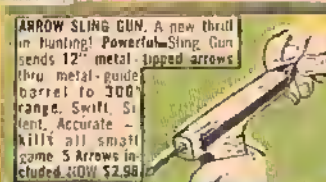
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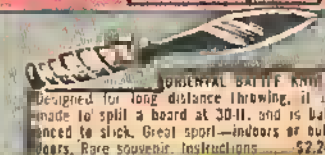


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